

SISLER AND PLAYMATES MEET OILERS AT M'NULTY PARK TODAY

BROWN REGULARS
HERE TWO DAYS

St. Louis A. L. Entrants First
Big Leaguers to Play
Here.

ABBOTT CHOOSES VETERAN
One of "Old Heads" to Take
Un Mount Duty for Local
Club.

Daily Dope

By Larry Dailey..

Indications that baseball is rapidly coming back to its old popularity is noted in the example of the game in grand fashion.

Twelve minor leagues are set to start the season which is their more than faced the horizon in 1918. There is also a possibility that 190 cities will be organized before the late in April.

Class A has six which opened last year and which are doing business at the off season. This leaves the Pacific Coast and International leagues and the American Association. The Western and Texas leagues and the players association class A are ready for the opening. The Texas starts with a blossoming interest having been advanced from 100 to 150 players and the new members of the League added to the total. In addition to the Eastern, the Three City, Northeastern and New England are to be represented. The 1918 circuit is to feature 100 teams, the Pacific Coast International will not start. Instead, the Northwestern will take its place.

Similar numbers of sections which are taking a revived interest in the pastime. The Virginia and Michigan, which will be known as the "Mountain" and which have been formed. The Blue Hills, Indiana and Union associations class B are the possibilities.

This is to be one of baseball's greatest years. The fans want the grand old sport, and they get it. Mike Sestini knew whence he spoke when he said the game faces brightest future. He gives the ideal situation as an example. A baseball man said he hadn't had much enthusiasm for the game for a long time, but this year he is going to be out there every day pulling for the Browns.

George Sisler, first baseman, one of baseball's brightest luminaries and who is Ty Cobb's rival as the greatest in this age, will of course be the center of interest. Sisler's meteoric career since he joined the Browns has been one of baseball's sensations and his brilliant and consistent play has been subject of more comment than perhaps any player in the game.

Tobin Another Star

In Johnny Tobin, diminutive left fielder, the Browns have a grand player—one who is expected to be a star this year. Kenneth Williams, former Pacific Coast league star, will be in the middle garden. Baby Bill Jacobson and Ray Demmitt are stage a great battle for the right field berth—with the odds favoring the former because of his terrific clout.

Jimmy Austin and Herman Bronkies are likewise fighting hard for the third station. The veteran infielder is playing one of the best games of his long career, while Bronkies, of the Indianapolis American Association, is showing his mettle in the corners by his play. Walter Gandy, another former American association star, has clinched shortstop.

Hank Seversen, who recently joined the team, will not be ready to do much work until the season starts. Jim Billings will do the bulk of the receiving with Mayer as second string grabber.

Nine Pitchers on Staff.

Davenport, Sotheron, Rogers, Gallia and Bennett have shown more stuff in practice and will probably be the first strike pitchers. Ernie Kooh, Carl Wilmann, George Lewis and Lefty Lewis will have done little pitching this season and cannot be forced to do much hurling until the championship season gets under way.

Romine and Covington, right handers, and Hewitt, southpaw, will probably do the hurling for Tulsa today. All are veterans and in good condition.

Mike Bills Gets Chance.

Mike Bills, youthful St. Louis semi-pro, will probably get a chance to show in the game today.

Wade, Wulf and several first basemen, second and third base men, respectively, will be at their usual stations. Murphy, who pitched a portion of the second game or Hal Breck, will start at second.

Benny Meyer will be in the left garden, with Lippie Martin and Pettit, grew probably taking a fling in the other two suburbs.

Release of Ruggers Johnson and Brooks leaves eight pitchers. They are Romine, Salisbury, Covington, Hewitt, Allen, Sparks, Ross and Murphy. Payne has accepted terms and will report soon.

Britton and Downey Box Draw at Canton

CANTON, Ohio, April 7—Jack Britton of New York, welterweight champion of America, and Bryan Downey of Columbus boxed a 12-round draw, tonight, according to newspaper critics. In the eleventh round Downey foisted Britton for a count of nine.

REISLER COMES WEDNESDAY WITH 'KNOCKOUT' BRANNON

A long distance telephone message was received by The World at 1:30 Tuesday morning from John J. Hesler, promoter of the Tulsa Sporting club, talking from St. Louis saying that he would arrive in Tulsa Wednesday morning with "Knockout" Bill Brannon, who would be matched against Tiny McKee at convention hall on April 12.

Taking no chances on further disappointment, Hesler will bring Brannon with him and local boxing fans are promised a real exhibition when the two men go together.

Star Garrison on Crew

PARIS, April 7.—The American crew which is to compete in the French inter-allied eight-oared race on April 28, will be made up of some of the best known oarsmen of American universities, the captain being Dr. Wiman, artillery, Yale University.

Travelers Buy Peterson

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 7.—President R. G. Allen of the Little Rock Southern league baseball club this morning announced the purchase of Outfielder Johnny Peterson from the House of Texas league club and the signing of Fisher Griffith, a St. Louis semi-professional. Both players joined the club today.

MUTT AND JEFF—LITTLE JEFF CERTAINLY HAS A WELL DEVELOPED SENSE OF HUMOR.

By Bud Fisher



TURFMEN ENCOUNTER NOVEL EXPERIENCES

KNOCKING AROUND RACE TRACKS PROVIDES MANY COMIC AND TRAGIC INCIDENTS—ONE ON TANNER

KNOCKING around race tracks is a time occupation if one is seeking novel experiences and hair raising situations. Charles "Doc" Tanner, the man who drove the famous Cuban to his mark of 138 to harness, knocked around the country in the early 80's, and of course had many novel experiences. One that took place in St. Joseph, Mo., was especially novel to Tanner, and he likes to tell it. It runs something like this:

In his young days Tanner rambled around the country considerable. He frequently found himself without money and on one occasion of course he was by fast freight. In one of his sojourns he dropped off at St. Joseph. He knew there were some horse fandangoes there and decided to strike for a job. He tackled Col. W. W. Abbott, a noted fandancer of that time and was immediately hired and put to work.

Abbott owned a stable of "open horses," among which was the famous racing stallion Westmont, son of Colonel West. Colonel Abbott did not inform Tanner of Westmont's vicious tendencies, so the first day on the job "Doc" went into the stallion's stall. The horse made a lunge for Tanner. A large blade stuck nearby was drafted into service by Tanner and after a few minutes he beat the colt off while he slipped out the door.

Soon after, Colonel Abbott accompanied by a tall slim man with a heavy black beard arrived. The visitors had those black eyes that seemed to bore their way through anything that fell into their range.

After showing the visitor all the horses but Westmont, Colonel Abbott and his friend departed. Tanner was impressed by the visitors and asked a stable boy as to his identity. "Why this 'Jesus James,'" said the lad. "He lives in this town but goes under the name of Doctor Howard." The government was offered to him. This afternoon he was seen at the Hot Springs. He has been working at Whittington park and will skip around the Spa hills for his trademark.

JOHN LOBERT TO AGAIN COACH WEST POINT NINE

John Loberth, erstwhile giant third sacker and a popular figure in the major leagues until an injury to his knee forced him to retire, is back on the job as coach of the baseball team at West Point. The season was not successful in that capacity in 1918 and turned out a very fine team in spite of the fact that the conditions which obtained at West Point in the stirring days of last summer were not conducive to an ideal setting for amateur coaches to do their work.

The new team has been assigned to a great extent, and John is confident that he will again develop a winning team from the ranks of Uncle Sam's cadets.

REISLER AND BRENNAN TO ARRIVE IN TULSA TODAY

John J. Reisler, promoter of the Tulsa Sporting club, which has matched Billy Meek and Bill Brennan for a bout here April 22, was returning to Tulsa from New York this afternoon, accompanied by Brennan, who will immediately start training here.

Boxing fans who have been anxious for another glimpse of the ring gladiators will welcome the coming of Brennan and the resumption of fistic activities.

Vote on Dry Referendum

TORONTO, April 7.—The province of Ontario will hold a plebiscite on the repeat of the Ontario temperance act upon measures permitting the sale of liquor, it was announced in the legislature today by Premier Hearst. The date will be announced later.

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John McGraw 46 Years Old



John McGraw, one of baseball's most distinguished figures and one of the greatest managers of all time, celebrated his forty-sixth birthday today. McGraw is starting his sixtieth season as a big league baseball manager.

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